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# H. CON. RES. 140

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the awareness of and treatment  
for kidney disease.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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of and treatment for kidney disease.

Whereas nearly 20,000,000 people in the United States are  
estimated to be at risk for chronic kidney disease;

Whereas people of African, Native American, Hispanic,  
Asian, and Pacific Island descent are more at risk for  
kidney disease;

Whereas kidney disease is a silent killer because most people  
with kidney disease are unaware of their illness;

Whereas diabetes and hypertension are the leading causes of  
kidney disease;

Whereas end-stage renal disease is a condition that causes  
permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or kidney  
transplant;

Whereas dialysis can slow down chronic renal failure and is a life saving process that helps patients perform many normal activities;

Whereas nearly 51,000 people in the United States are awaiting a kidney transplant; and

Whereas there is no cure for kidney disease and treatment involves regular checkups, proper eating, and regular exercise: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3           (1) national and community organizations  
4       should be recognized and applauded for their work  
5       in promoting awareness of kidney disease and for  
6       providing information about the disease;

7           (2) health care providers should continue to in-  
8       crease their efforts to diagnose kidney disease in its  
9       earliest stages; and

10          (3) the Federal Government has the responsi-  
11       bility to—

12               (A) increase awareness about the impor-  
13       tance of detection and proper treatment of kid-  
14       ney disease;

15               (B) work to increase research funding so  
16       that all the causes of and a cure for kidney dis-  
17       ease may be discovered, and new treatments for  
18       kidney disease may be developed; and

- 1 (C) consider ways to improve access to,
- 2 and the quality of, health care services for de-
- 3 tecting and treating kidney disease.

